intersections with public streets or major generators of traffic and are not allowed for individual business needs. Where intersections are far apart, additional openings are provided at intervals of about 2 kms for U-turns and diversions of traffic to one of the carriageways at times of emergency or major repairs.

(b) In the stretch of 3 kms, due to constraints of nearby closely located habitations, six median openings have been provided based on representations from local public/village Pradhan. Out of these six median openings, only two are in front of village Baghai.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Representation has been received from the local Member of Parliament to close only two medium openings which are in front of village Baghai. The necessity of these existing median openings is being reviewed/re-assessed giving congnizance to road safety *vis-a-vis* requirement of local public. Further action will depend on the outcome of the review.

Pollution in four metro citizes

†3356. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles in the four metros of the country Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai at present;

(b) the name of the most polluted city out of the four metros of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai;

(c) whether CNG is being used in the vehicles (bus, truck, car and tempo) of these regions; and

(d) the steps taken by State Government to check pollution in these metros?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Road traffic and work on NS and EW corridors

3357. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's road network handles about 70 per cent of the freight movement and 82 per cent of the passenger traffic whithin the country;

(b) whether the National Highways constitute only 2 per cent of the total road network but carry about 40 per cent of the total road traffic;

(c) whether the work has been slow on North-South (NS) and East-West (EW) corridors with only a quarter of the total targeted length having been completed; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHEAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) About 65% of freight and 86.7% of the passenger traffic is carried by the roads.

(b) Yes, Sir.

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